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**PATENT**  
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re: the PATENT Application of: **Earl Alexander Culham**

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Dear Kyle:

The following is a complete list of the claims annotated with their status and, where necessary, their markup. My remarks follow the revised claims.

**CLAIMS**

1-69. (cancelled)

70. (currently amended) A method of linking web pages, comprising the steps of:  
associating at least one supplementary link with a-primary its anchoring web page, each such supplementary link including those features of the anchor which identify the target of a hypertext link while also excluding those lacks the features of the anchor which make a regular hypertext link visible in the output rendering of its anchoring web page, thus a supplementary link is normally hidden from view and does not disrupt the flow of text or graphics displayed on the its anchoring web page;

providing information processing means by which the at least one supplementary link is may be transformed into a regular hypertext link.

71. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70, at least one supplementary link being stored in a datastructure that is separate from the-primary its anchoring web page.

72. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 71, the datastructure being associated with the-primary its anchoring web page.